

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Tuesday, February 28, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Hon. Don Campbell, President, in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Gaines the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Pettit: Petition of the citizens of Van Zandt county, asking the Legislature to levy a special tax to build a court house. Read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Report of Committee on Private Land Claims

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, February 28, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred memorial of Mary A. Hale, asking relief, with accompanying papers and bill reported by a similar committee of this body at its called session, have carefully considered the same and instruct me to report the bill back and recommend its passage.

G. T. RUBY,  
Chairman.

Bill reported by committee: A bill (Senate bill No. 191) to be entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of William McGuffin, assignee of James H. Dennis." Report and bill read first time and laid over under the rules.

#### Report of Committee on State Affairs:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN February 27, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL.

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 165, entitled "An act to incorporate the Tyler Real

Estate and Banking Association," have duly considered the same and recommend its passage.

S. W. FORD,  
Chairman.

Report read, and laid over under the rules.

Senator Bowers submitted the following report of the Select Committee on Senate bill No. 93:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, February 25, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Select Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 93, entitled "An act to incorporate the Leon Bridge Company," and to whom was also referred the protest of the citizens of Bell county against the passage of Senate bill No. 93, having duly considered the same, report the accompanying substitute for said bill, and recommend its passage.

M. H. BOWERS,  
For the Committee.

Substitute for Senate bill No. 93, a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Belton Bridge Company." Report and bill read first time and laid over under the rules.

Senator Bowers moved a suspension of the rules to consider the report.

Motion to suspend the rules lost.

### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By President Campbell: a bill (Senate bill No. 192) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Jefferson Institute, located in the city of Jefferson, county of Marion, State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Mills: a bill (Senate bill No. 193) to be entitled "An act for the relief of certain assignees of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Parsons: Senate joint resolution No. 21, "Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to dispatch the Secretary of State, James P. Newcomb, to the north, on business in connection with the frontier defense bonds and agricultural land scrip, and making appropriation therefor; and authorizing the Governor to have the plates of the frontier defense bonds cancelled, if not deliv-

ered up by the National Bank Note Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Baker offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, James E. Slater, the Journal Clerk of the Senate, has worked night and day to write up the Journal of the Senate; and

Whereas, The Journal of the Senate is now written up to date, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Journal Clerk be allowed *per diem* from the beginning of this session.

Senator Gaines offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Constitution of the State of Texas for the use of this Senate.

Resolution read, and on motion of Senator Bowers referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Pridgen: a bill (Senate bill No. 194) to be entitled "An act to amend section three of an act concerning divorce and alimony." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gaines offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It seems to rest on the minds of certain members of this Senate that on the part of the Republican members of this Senate, that they are all afraid to place themselves on the records by having a reporter for the Senate, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That the Secretary of the Senate be requested to ascertain if the services of a reporter are to be had, and to report to the Senate at an early day.

Read, and on motion of Senator Pettit, referred to Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

Under direction of the President, the Secretary carried to the House for concurrence Senate bill No. 64, "An act authorizing the District Attorney of the Thirtieth Judicial District to draw his salary from the date of filing his oath of office." Also informing the House that the Senate had passed House bill No. 866, "An act to incorporate the Jefferson Gas Light Company."

By Senator Pickett: a bill (Senate bill No. 195) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Hempstead and West Liberty Air Line Railroad Company." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements,

By Senator Hall: a bill (Senate bill No. 196) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Hearne." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Dohoney: a bill (Senate bill No. 197) to be entitled "An act requiring the clerk of the District Court of Lamar county

to index the records of his office and providing for his payment therefor." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary

By leave, Senator Bowers presented a petition from the citizens of Lampasas county. Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

### GENERAL FILE.

Senate bill No. 36, an act to be entitled "An act to incorporate the German Casino, of Columbus, Texas." Bill read first time.

The following amendments reported by the Committee on State Affairs were adopted:

In section two, line one, strike out all after the word "shall," to and including the word "such," in same section, line three, and insert the words "continue in force fifty years."

On motion of Senator Tendick, passed to engrossment as amended.

Senate bill No. 71, "An act to incorporate the Marion county Agricultural, Mechanical and Blood Stock Association." Read second time and passed to engrossment.

Memorial of John S. Stump, for relief: Senator Rawson moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, recommending the rejection of the petition.

Senators Bowers moved to recommit to Committee on Judiciary: which motion was adopted.

Senate bill No. 10, an act to be entitled "An act for the relief of James E. Carlton, Sheriff of Jasper county." Read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate bill No. 77, an act to be entitled "An act for the relief of A. H. Cook." Read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate bill No. 23, to be entitled "An act to prohibit the sale or otherwise disposing of spirituous or vinious liquors within five miles of Johnson Point Male and Female Academy, in Kaufman county, Texas." Read second time.

On motion of Senator Dohoney, substitute Senate bill No. 23, reported by the Committee on Education, was adopted.

Substitute Senate bill No. 23, an act to be entitled "An act to prohibit the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors within two miles of Johnson Point Male and Female Seminary."

On motion substitute Senate bill No. 23, was ordered engrossed, and passed to a third reading.

11 A. M

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, Senate bill No. 94, "An act to give effect to the several provisions

of the Constitution concerning taxes, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

Senator Flanagan, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole having under consideration Senate bill No. 94, reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Report received and leave granted.

By leave Senator Fountain introduced a bill (Senate bill No. 198) to be entitled "An act to organize the county of Pecos."

Read first time and referred to committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Also, a bill (Senate bill No. 199) to be entitled "An act to organize the county of Presidio." Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries."

On motion of Senator Gaines the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow.

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